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COUNTY LIBRARIAN

May 29, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM LA CAÑADA VALLEY BEAUTIFUL, INC.
TO REVITALIZE AND BEAUTIFY THE LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE LIBRARY
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Accept an in-kind donation of a landscape improvement project valued at \$27,200 and ongoing landscape maintenance services valued at \$150 per month from La Cañada Valley Beautiful, Inc. for the La Cañada Flintridge Library.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Public Library is requesting Board acceptance of an in-kind donation of a landscape improvement project valued at \$27,200 from La Cañada Valley Beautiful, Inc. for the La Cañada Flintridge Library. La Cañada Valley Beautiful is proposing to re-design the garden located at the Oakwood Avenue front of the library to give the garden a native California look. The project includes removing and saving existing plants, providing native California plants and installing a new automated drip irrigation system. C & K Landscape Design, Inc. was selected by La Cañada Valley Beautiful to work on the project. In addition, La Cañada Valley Beautiful will donate ongoing landscape maintenance services valued at \$150 per month for the improved garden until it becomes established with native California plants. The donated maintenance service is anticipated to continue for two years.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals in the areas of service excellence, fiscal responsibility and community services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

La Cañada Valley Beautiful, Inc. will pay for all the expenses related to the landscape improvement project and ongoing landscape maintenance services. The Public Library's existing landscape services contract for the La Cañada Flintridge Library will be adjusted to accommodate the ongoing maintenance services that will be donated by La Cañada Valley Beautiful. Acceptance of these in-kind donations do not require matching funds from the Public Library and does not commit the County to provide ongoing services.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County policy requires that donations of \$10,000 and over be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. Acceptance of this donation is consistent with Government Code Section 25355.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

This generous donation from La Cañada Valley Beautiful, Inc. will revitalize and beautify the La Cañada Flintridge Public Library. Both residents and library customers will benefit from the new landscape design.

Respectfully submitted,

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County Librarian

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Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
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